

layer, the matrix comprising a hydrophilic high molecular substance as main constituent, for determining a substance to be measured in a liquid sample by measuring the degree of coloring of the chromogen generated through the reaction between the substance to be measured and the reagent in terms of reflectance of light entered into the reagent layer[, wherein said reagent layer comprises polymer beads embedding light reflective particles, and a hydrophilic high molecular substance as main constituent of the matrix].

Please add one new claim as follows:

14. The dry measuring test device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic high molecular substance is a substance selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropylcellulose, methylcellulose, sodium alginate, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, gelatin, modified gelatin, agar, acrylamide polymer, and agarose.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the above-identified patent application. Applicants have amended Claim 1, and added one new claim. The new claim 14 is based on page 20, lines 7-12 of the present specification. No new matter or new issues are contained in the amended claims. Based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b)

Claims 1-5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being clearly anticipated by *Koyama et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,430,436), *Terashima et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,839,278) or EP 162,302. The amended Claim 1 is now drawn to a reagent layer and is distinguished from the